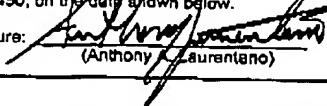


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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-9 and 12-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.